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Re: US National Stage filing for Patent Application No. 10/591,862 entitled: LIQUID FLOW MONITORING APPARATUS

Inventors: AMISAR Shai, et al.

Claiming Priority of: IL Patent Application No. 160738 filed March 4, 2004

Based on PCT Patent Application PCT/IL2005/000250

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Docket No.: 2116

Dear Sirs.

Further to our previous telephone conversation on June 25, 2007 and various correspondence by email, enclosed herewith are the following documents for reviving the abovementioned patent application;

1. Petition for revival of an application for patent abandoned unavoidably under 37 CFR 1.137(a) (3-pages);

Statement in support of petition to revive patent application (3 pages);

3. Print-out from PATTSY docketing system (1 page);

4. Credit card form (1 page - previous version).

5. Notification of Abandonment dated May 21, 2007 (2 pages);

6. Supplemental statements by Caryn Ginsberg and Richard M. Roberts (2 pages);

Credit card form (1 page - corrected version).

Please forward a filing receipt as soon as possible. Thank you for your prompt attention.

Respectfully submitted

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# STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION TO REVIVE PATENT APPLICATION UNAVOIDABLY ABANDONED PER 37 CFR 1.137(a)

The Applicant, through his undersigned representative, hereby petitions to reinstate the subject patent application. Support for this petition is attached. The use of an incorrect credit card form, leading to non-payment of filing fees, was unintentional, but moreover, the non-payment was unavoidable, as per the following statement.

The undersigned, a US Patent Attorney for over 20 years, maintains his regular office in Tel Aviv, Israel, as a department in a law firm which also maintains a branch office in New York City. The NY branch office has no patent professionals, and is not responsible for docketing, however, the address of the NY branch office is used as a mailing address for receipt of correspondence from the USPTO, and this correspondence is then forwarded to the Tel Aviv office, by a particular employee of the NY Office.

The first indication of the abandonment of the patent was received in the Tel Aviv office on June 5, 2007, via the NY office, and the notice is dated May 21, 2007. The undersigned was out of the office on an overseas trip on the date of receipt of the notice in Tel Aviv.

The delay in receipt of the notice is apparently due to the fact that the NYC office has recently moved to a new address, and the employee in the NY Office who was responsible for this forwarding task, had left her job, and the responsibility has been transferred to others, who are unaware of the timeliness issue in forwarding the USPTO mail.

Applicant's attorney maintains a docketing system known as PATTSY, and the docket clerk responsible for entering Office Action due dates is diligent in this activity. As a backup system, this clerk also maintains the Microsoft Outlook calendar (herein: calendar docket) filled with dates for activities to be performed. A report of these due dates on the calendar docket is printed periodically, approximately weekly, and this is the report used.

In this particular case, the PATTSY system shows that the case was originally filed on September 4, 2006 with a filing receipt status check set for December 4, 2006. (see attachment "A").

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the files under their care. This placed an additional burden of time on the staff including the paralegals and attorneys.

Therefore, due to the fact that there was an error in the credit card account number, based on Ms. Ginsburg's use of an outdated form prepared by my former paralogal, and due to the fact that prior to a holiday period the office moved to a new address, a mistake was made through insufficient checking and review in relation particular National Stage filing, so that use of an incorrect credit card account number, resulting in non-payment of the filing fee due on September 4, 2006, was unavoidable.

The USPTO made no effort to inform us of the incorrect credit card account number, by a courtesy call (as they have done on past occasions) so that this entirely unintended technical error, could be corrected. The only PTO notice we have received about this credit card processing problem is an internal PTO form (attachment "C") which was sent along with the Abandonment notice. If we had received this form immediately when the problem arose, the technical nature of this problem could have been quickly corrected by telephone.

Upon being notified of the abandonment of the patent application as mentioned above (in the third paragraph), Applicant's attorney checked the facts and immediately prepared this petition.

Therefore, the USPTO should grant this petition. A sufficient showing has been made.

It is respectfully requested that this petition be reviewed urgently, to immediately reinstate the patent application.

Edward Langer, Reg. 30,564

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No notices of processing problems relating to the filing was received from the PTO until the Abandonment notice was received on June 5, 2007, as indicated in the PATTSY entry showing May 21, 2007.

The application serial number was first sent with the Abandonment notice, so that we could not use the PAIR/Private system prior to that time to check the status of the case, without the S/N.

The employee who made the above entries in the calendar docket, Caryn Ginsberg, began working as a paralegal in my office in June 2006, and she replaced Sharon Links, the previous paralegal. Ms. Ginsberg prepared the filing on September 4, 2006 as a US National Filing under Sec. 371 in the normal fashion, and she utilized a  ${
m PTO}$ 2038 credit card form for purposes of paying the filing fee of \$300.

The credit card form that Ms. Ginsberg used was taken from a file folder containing similar forms prepared by the previous paralegal, Ms. Links.

The form was signed by a senior attorney in our office, Mr. who is responsible for office management and payment authorization, and he has signed such credit card forms previously.

What was not apparent neither to Ms. Ginsberg nor to Mr. Roberts was that the particular credit card form in question (attachment "B") used a credit card account number which had previously been cancelled and replaced in our firm with a new credit card number.

The period just prior to the September 4, 2006 filing date was prior to a holiday period for our office, and as usual, a large amount of work needed to be completed in advance of the holiday.

In addition, during that same period, the Applicant's undersigned Attorney, was getting ready to leave for an overseas trip to the US in early October, 2006. Again, a large amount of work needed to be completed in advance of this trip.

The preparation for my trip included preparations for meetings in the USPTO, which required Ms. Ginsberg to finish many work items before I left the office, and this presented a very short schedule for completion of many tasks.

Also during early September 2006, the office moved to a new address in Tel Aviv, and each department was responsible for packing

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#### NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT

The United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495) has made the following determination:

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#### SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT SHOWING PATENT APPLICATION UNAVOIDABLY ABANDONED PER 37 CFR 1.137(a)

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- I, Caryn Ginsberg, paralegal to Edward Langer, attorney for the Applicant, hereby state as follows:
- 1. I am employed by the law firm of Shiboleth, Yisraeli, Roberts, Zisman & Co. since June 2006.
- Attached to this statement is a copy of my resume which was submitted to Mr. Langer in obtaining employment with the firm.
- My employment record includes employment as a paralegal in the Patent and Trademark section of two large law firms in Israel, the first being Herzog, Fox, Neeman (2001-2004), and the second being Eitan, Pearl, Latzer (1996-1998).
- 4. When I started employment in June 2006, I was given a 2-day period of overlap with the provious paralegal, Mrs. Sharon Links.
- During the overlap period, Mrs. Links instructed me as to the payment of USPTO fees using a credit card form PTO-2038 which she prepared using the credit card account number of the firm.
- 6. Mrs. Links was available for discussion by telephone on an as-needed basis on those occasions when I felt the need to inquire of her about procedures in the office, or docket dates.
- The particular item in question, which was the use of a 7. credit card form for the payment of the filing fees in a National Stage US Patent Application under Sec. 371, did not raise any questions in my mind, based on the forms prepared by Ms. Links.
- I did not see any reason for calling on Mrs. Links for clarification of the use of this PTO credit card form.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: JUNE 26, 2007

### SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT SHOWING PATENT APPLICATION UNAVOIDABLY ABANDONED PER 37 CFR 1.137(a)

- I, Richard M. Roberts, am the managing partner of Shiboleth, Yisraeli, Roberts, Zisman & Co. and Moshe H. Ne'eman, Ben-Artzi & Co., Advocates & Notaries and the supervisor of Edward Langer, attorney for the Applicant, hereby state as follows:
- I am one of the founding partners of the law firm of Shiboleth, Yisraeli, Roberts, Zisman & Co. and Moshe II. Ne'eman, Ben-Artzi & Co., which was established in 1973.
- 2. My duties include, among other, management of expenses and authorization of expenses incurred by the firm.
- 3. Mr. Langer's department employs the PTO form 2038 for payment of PTO fees on a regular basis.
- 4. Around February 2006, our firm cancelled its American Express Platinum credit card and began using a different American Express Platinum credit card.
- 5. During this period, Mrs. Links had prepared forms for payment of USPTO fees using credit card form PTO-2038 not knowing that we had changed our credit card and therefore, inadvertently and mistakenly using a form with our old credit card number.
- 6. The use of a credit card form for the payment of the filing fees in a National Stage US Patent Application under Sec. 371, did not raise any questions in my mind, based on the forms prepared by Ms. Links.
  - 7. Ms. Ginsburg submitted the PTO-2038 form for my signature.
- 8. I did not see any reason for questioning the accuracy of the credit card account number since previous payments with the correct account number had already been made.

Respectfully submitted.

Richard M. Roberts, Advocate

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